

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Currently amended claims are shown with additions underlined and deletions in ~~striketrough-text~~. No new matter is added by this amendment.

1. – 28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently amended) A method for providing information about a public space element from a plurality of public space elements in a public space to a visitor after the visitor has left the public space, the method comprising:

transmitting electronically a first signal to a portable electronic device within the public space, the first signal associated with a location of information about a ~~the~~ plurality of public space elements within the public space;

~~retrieving from the portable electronic device a , wherein the transmitted information includes selection menu~~ information that designates a first piece of one or more pieces of supplemental information about at least one of the public space element from the plurality of public space elements;

receiving, from the portable electronic device within the public space, ~~an electronic response to the transmitted information, said electronic response including visitor selection information a second signal associated with a the first piece of supplemental information about the public space element from the plurality of public space elements in response to a keystroke input by the visitor~~ from the one or more pieces of supplemental information and with address information related to the visitor;

~~receiving, from the visitor when the visitor is located outside of the public space, an electronic request for the piece of supplemental information;~~

sending from the portable electronic device a third signal corresponding to the keystroke and a unique address associated with the visitor ~~retrieving the piece of supplemental information in response to the received electronic request; and~~

sending electronically a fourth signal associated with a second piece of the retrieved piece of supplemental information about the public space element from the plurality of public space elements based on the sending the third signal, the fourth signal sent to the visitor after the visitor has left the public space via to a communications network extending beyond the public space in response to an electronic request from the visitor after the visitor has left the public space using the address information.

30. (Currently amended) The method of claim 29 wherein the ~~electronic-response~~ keystroke includes one of a bookmark, ~~a keystroke~~ and a response to a query.

31. (Currently amended) The method of claim 29 wherein the second signal transmitted information includes audio content relating to the public space element, the method further comprising:

receiving a fifth signal associated with the first piece of information about the public space element from the plurality of public space elements in response to the keystroke input by the visitor, the fifth signal including video content,

the first signal including a synchronization code configured to synchronize the receiving the second signal and the receiving the fifth signal.

32. (Currently amended) The method of claim 31 wherein the second signal transmitted information further includes text content relating to the public space element.

33. – 34. (Canceled)

35. (Currently amended) A method for supplying ~~supplemental~~ information about ~~public space elements~~ an artifact in a public-space museum to a visitor after the visitor has left the ~~public-space museum~~, the method comprising:

receiving ~~an a first~~ electronic request for first information about ~~a public-space element the artifact~~ from ~~the~~ visitor in the ~~public-space-museum~~;

transmitting electronically ~~said a first piece of~~ information to the visitor in the ~~public space museum~~ in response to the first electronic request, the first piece of information including

an audio portion transmitted by a first electronic device and a video portion transmitted by a second electronic device;

receiving a second electronic request for information about the artifact from the visitor in the museum ~~an electronic supplemental information selection from the visitor in the public space;~~

associating visitor identification information with said second electronic ~~request~~supplemental information selection;

receiving an electronic inquiry from the visitor after the visitor has left the ~~public-space~~ museum; and

sending, in response to the electronic inquiry, at least one of the audio portion of the first piece of information or the video portion of the first piece of information to the visitor after the visitor has left the museum based on the second electronic request associated with the visitor identification~~responding to said electronic inquiry with supplemental information selected based on the received electronic supplemental information selection associated with visitor identification information corresponding to the visitor from whom the electronic inquiry was received.~~

36. (Canceled)

37. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~36~~ 35, wherein said receiving the first electronic request includes receiving a wireless electronic signal generated from the first electronic device, the first electronic device being a portable handheld device that traverses the public-space museum with the visitor.

38. (Currently amended) The method of claim 37 wherein said receiving the first electronic request includes receiving the wireless electronic signal over a first network having transmission capabilities limited to the ~~public-space~~ museum.

39. (Currently amended) The method of claim 38 wherein said receiving said electronic ~~request~~ inquiry and said ~~transmitting a response~~ sending are executed over a second network different from said first network.

40.-41. (Canceled)

42. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein the second piece of information is more detailed than the first piece of information.

43. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein:
the keystroke is one of a plurality of keystrokes input by the visitor; and
the sending from the first electronic device includes sending each keystroke from the plurality of keystrokes input by the visitor.

44. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein the sending the third signal includes docking the portable electronic device within a docking station within the public space.

45. (New) The method of claim 29, further comprising:
tuning a receiver within the portable electronic device in response to the first signal.

46. (New) The method of claim 35, further comprising:
transmitting a synchronization signal associated with a synchronization of the audio portion of the first piece of information and the video portion of the first piece of information.

47. (New) The method of claim 35, further comprising:
sending, in response to the electronic inquiry, a second piece of information to the visitor after the visitor has left the museum based on the second electronic request associated with the visitor identification, the second piece of information different than the first piece of information.

48. (New) A method for providing information about an artifact in a museum to a visitor after the visitor has left the museum, the method comprising:
receiving a first electronic signal within the museum, the first electronic signal associated with a location of a plurality of artifacts within the museum;
receiving a keystroke from a plurality of keystrokes input by a visitor within the museum;

transmitting, from a portable electronic device within the museum in response to the first electronic signal and the keystroke from the plurality of keystrokes, an audio signal associated with a first piece of information about an artifact from the plurality of artifacts;

receiving, from an electronic transmitter within the museum in response to the first electronic signal and the keystroke from the plurality of keystrokes, a video signal associated with the first piece of information about the artifact from the plurality of artifacts;

transmitting, from the portable electronic device within the museum, a second electronic signal corresponding to the keystroke and a unique address associated with the visitor; and

transmitting at least one of the audio signal or the visual signal to the visitor after the visitor has left the museum based on the second electronic signal and in response to an electronic inquiry, via a communications network extending beyond the museum.

49. (New) The method of claim 48, wherein the first electronic signal includes a synchronization code configured to synchronize the transmitting the audio signal associated with a first piece of information and the receiving the video signal associated with the first piece of information.

50. (New) The method of claim 48, further comprising:

tuning automatically a receiver within the first electronic device in response to the receiving the first electronic signal.